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SUBJECT: FUTURE POLICY ON REFUGEES IN/FROM CHILE

REF: SANTIAGO 410 AND GENEVA 244

1. WITH RESPECT TO THIRD COUNTRY REFUGEES CURRENTLY IN CHILE WISHING OR BEING FORCED TO LEAVE THAT COUNTRY, THE DEPT.'S POLICY REMAINS UNCHANGED. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROCESS THOSE CASES ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES. WHILE THERE IS NO LIMIT AS TO THE NUMBER OF CASES THE U.S. IS WILLING TO ACCEPT, DEPENDENT UPON THEIR MEETING THE ESTABLISHED CRITERIA, WE NONETHELESS URGE THAT ONLY THOSE CASES REPRESENTING BONA FIDE REFUGEES BE RECOMMENDED TO THE DEPT. FOR FAVORABLE ACTION. ALL SUCH REFUGEES MUST CONTINUE TO BE ELIGIBLE UNDER THE SECURITY PROVISIONS OF THE INA.

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FOR GENEVA: YOU MAY INFORM UNHCR THAT THE ABOVE POLICY REMAINS IN EFFECT AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE PLACEMENT OF CURRENTLY REGISTERED REFUGEES IS COMPLETED. GIVEN THE EXPIRATION OF THE MANDATE OF THE

NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES, WE WILL OPERATE UNDER THE EXISTING PROCEDURES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UNHCR AND THE NEW COMMITTEE TO BE ESTABLISHED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS REMAINING REFUGEES ARE RESETTLED.

FOR SANTIAGO: IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ON ANY CASES SUBMITTED TO THE DEPT. WITH FAVORABLE EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION THAT THE EMBASSY NOTIFY THE DEPT. IMMEDIATELY SHOULD SUBJECTS ACCEPT RESETTLEMENT IN ANOTHER COUNTRY PRIOR TO OUR DECISION ON RESETTLEMENT IN THE U.S. CONSIDERABLE EFFORT HAS BEEN EXPENDED IN OBTAINING APPROVAL OF WHAT HAVE CLEARLY BEEN SOME MARGINAL CASES. NOTIFICATION, AFTER SUCH APPROVAL HAS BEEN OBTAINED, THAT THE FAMILIES/INDIVIDUALS HAVE ACCEPTED RESETTLEMENT ELSEWHERE DOES NOT ASSIST IN OBTAINING FURTHER APPROVALS.

FYI: TO DATE, THE PAROLE OF SOME TWENTY-FIVE REFUGEES HAS BEEN APPROVED. HOWEVER, ONLY SOME SEVENTEEN WILL BE RESETTLED IN THE U.S. DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE REMAINING EIGHT HAVE ACCEPTED RESETTLEMENT IN OTHER COUNTRIES PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF APPROVAL FOR RESETTLEMENT HERE. END FYI.

2. WITH RESPECT TO EITHER CHILEAN NATIONALS OR THIRD COUNTRY REFUGEES FROM CHILE NOW IN OTHER COUNTRIES, THE DEPT. FEELS THAT PRIME RESPONSIBILITY FOR RESETTLEMENT OF SUCH REFUGEES RESTS WITH THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THEY ARE PHYSICALLY LOCATED. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE IN THE CASE OF THOSE COUNTRIES WHO ARE SIGNATORIES TO THE CONVENTION RELATING TO THE STATUS OF REFUGEES, AS IN THE CASES OF THE SIXTY REFUGEES DISCUSSED WITH SANTIAGO BY THE REV. SPATH. THUS, IN THOSE SPECIFIC CASES, THE DEPT. FEELS THAT IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE FOR RESETTLEMENT OF THE SIXTY PAPER-MILL WORKERS. THE FACT THAT THESE "REFUGEES" MIGHT PREFER RESETTLEMENT IN THE U.S. TO ARGENTINA IS NOT PERTINENT ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN GRANTED ASYLUM IN A SIGNATORY COUNTRY, AS
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IN THE CASE IN POINT. APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY INTO THE U.S. SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH NORMAL IMMIGRATION CHANNELS.

HOWEVER, SHOULD ANY ONE PARTICULAR COUNTRY BE FACED WITH THE PROBLEM OF RESETTLING A SUFFICIENTLY LARGE NUMBER OF REFUGEES SO THAT ABSORPTION COULD BECOME A PROBLEM, THE DEPT. WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF ACCEPTING A FAIR SHARE OF SUCH CASES ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS OF THE INA. SUCH CONSIDERATION WOULD ONLY BE UNDERTAKEN AT THE REQUEST OF THE UNHCR OR SOME OTHER APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL AGENCY DEALING WITH REFUGEES AS PART OF AN OVER-ALL INTERNATIONAL EFFORT.

FURTHER, THE DEPT. WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS, IN KEEPING WITH THE ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS

OF THE INA, THE CASES OF THOSE REFUGEES WHO INITIALLY WERE PROCESSED IN CHILE FOR RESETTLEMENT BY THE UNHCR AND WHO WERE MOVED TO THIRD COUNTRIES ON A CLEARLY TRANSITORY BASIS. WERE SUCH INDIVIDUALS ACCEPTED BY THE THIRD COUNTRY IN WHICH THEY ARE CURRENTLY LOCATED FOR PROBABLE PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT, THE DEPT. FEELS THAT THEY ARE THEN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COUNTRY WHICH ACCEPTED THEM. AGAIN, SUCH REQUESTS FOR RESETTLEMENT IN THE U.S. SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH THE UNHCR OR OTHER APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES AS PART OF AN INTERNATIONAL EFFORT.

3. WHILE SANTIAGO'S REFTEL 410 DOES NOT DIRECTLY RAISE THE ISSUE, WE WOULD BE MOST RELUCTANT TO CONSIDER EXPEDITED PROCESSING FOR ENTRY TO THE U.S. OF CHILEAN NATIONALS CURRENTLY IN CHILE. ANY SUCH EXPEDITED PROCESSING WOULD RAISE THE POSSIBILITY OF DEMANDS FOR SIMILAR PROGRAMS IN OTHER COUNTRIES BY GROUPS CLAIMING POSSIBLE PERSECUTION, PARTICULARLY IN NON-DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES. THE PROBLEM WOULD BE LIKELY TO BECOME PARTICULARLY PRO- NOUNCED WITH RESPECT TO POTENTIAL HAITIAN ASYLEES. SOME OTHER COUNTRIES MIGHT ALSO HAVE GOVERNMENTS OF A NATURE WHERE GROUPS COULD LEGITIMATELY REQUEST A PROGRAM SIMILAR TO ANY THAT WOULD BE MOUNTED IN CHILE. SUCH A PROGRAM COULD BE CONSIDERED TO CONSTITUTE INTERFERENCE IN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTRY AND MIGHT THEREFORE IMPAIR OUR RELATIONS WITH ITS GOVERNMENT. WE ANTICIPATE THAT SUBSTANTIAL PUBLIC/CONGRESSIONAL PRESSURE COULD DEVELOP ON THIS ISSUE DEPENDENT UPON DEVELOPMENTS IN CHILE. THEREFORE, WE WOULD URGE THE EMBASSY TO KEEP THE DEPT. INFORMED ON ALL DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS AREA.

4. WHILE THE ABOVE REPRESENTS DEPARTMENTAL POSITION IN LIGHT OF CIRCUMSTANCES AT THIS TIME AND UNDER MOST FORE- SEEABLE CIRCUMSTANCES, SUCH PROGRAMS AS DISCUSSED UNDER 2 AND 3 ABOVE WOULD REQUIRE INTER-AGENCY APPROVAL. AT THE PRESENT TIME, INS IS FIRMLY OPPOSED TO ANY OF THE POSSIBLE EXPEDITED PROCESSING PROGRAMS SET FORTH UNDER TWO AND THREE OTHER THAN THAT DEALING WITH FOREIGN REFUGEES FROM CHILE IN TRANSITORY STATUS IN THIRD COUNTRIES. THUS, DEPARTMENTAL WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER THE VARIOUS OPTIONS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES DOES NOT ASSURE THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY INTER-AGENCY APPROVAL. RUSH

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